

**Minutes of the Group Meeting
Held on Monday 11th December 2017**

Present: Matt Lawrence, Malcolm Baker, Amanda Baker, Rachel Wright, Steve Adshead, Henry Thacker, Tillie Muller, Heather Randall, Jane Hedge, Kieran Wellard, Julie Mumby,
Apologies: Jill Skelley

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no amendments necessary.

MATTERS ARISING

Malcolm introduced all leaders as we have a new team in each section.

Hall / Building Renovations

Malcolm explained that we have 2 quotes for the replacement of the windows but may have to go with the R9 product due to the working in the planning permission. We have planning permission. We have applied for a grant from the County Fund and are just waiting for a visit from a county rep to verify the condition of the hall.

Fund Raising

Currently no Fund Raising is ongoing.
We are looking at a Bag Pack in February.
We are considering a Raffle at Easter with a Quiz Night in December 2018.

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
November	6	73	68

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as at 1st December 2017

Current Account £892.34 – Gas & Electric to pay

Savings Account £6643.45

Need to update the mandate for the main group bank account.

Names to come off: Mark Burrell – Reduced role within the group, David Hedge – Deceased, Dawn Thorne – No longer active within the group.

Names to put on the account: Amanda Baker and Matt Lawrence.

Malcolm to act as Secretary for the signing of papers.

The primary signatory will be Jill with one other.

Section Reports

Beavers Report

Our Beaver Colony is just under capacity with 23 young people attending. The Waiting list is full until summer 2019. Kerry and Nicola are both stepping back at Christmas, the section will be run by Rachel Wright and Heather Randall assisted by Daisy Baker. The Beavers made decorations for the Christmas tree in the Parish church. A program is being put together for Jan to July taking ideas from previous years records. A parent rota is being put in place to provide more adult support for the section. There have been some behavioural issues which have been dealt with.

Many thanks to Rachel and Heather for taking over at Beavers.

Cub Report

Steve took over Cubs from Robin in September assisted by Helen McGrory and Amanda Baker. Continuing to complete the Badge Work including the DIY and Artist badges. A visit to PGL is being planned for next May. OSM has been updated with photos of all the young people. We now have 2 Senior Sixers and have behavioural issues from the usual suspects. Looking at a Sixer / Secunder camp at the hall to get Steve his Nights Away permit.

Scouts

Scouts is now being run by Tillie Muller assisted by Kieran Wellard with Daisy Baker as Young Leader. Tillie has joined us from Peterborough where she has gained a lot of experience. A winter camp has been held with 20 Scouts attending. We are entering 3 teams to the NESST hike. We have 22 signed up to Megamoot. The Scouts are finishing the term with a Jambowlree which is a worldwide competition. A summer camp at Great Tower in the Lake District is being planned. The Scouts have expressed an interest in doing the Dragon Award which involves a night under canvas each calendar month. New patrol leaders are being appointed, New patrol boxes have been purchased. The tents need sorting out as there are a lot of broken poles

Explorers

Malcolm explained that our Explorer unit had been merged with 7th Newark to for the District Unit called Raptors.

Group Scout Leader

The group is performing well. There is no space on the waiting list for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are also full.

We are the second biggest group in the district, Balderton being the biggest, despite having one of the smaller halls .

During the summer we had a team from N.C.S. Come into the hall to paint and perform some basic repairs to the walls. Some of the paint was donated by Newark Paint and Hardware supplies.

We could do with a maintenance day to clear out the junk that has accumulated. There are the old table bases behind the concrete store and old tents which need to be disposed of. There is also some old equipment in the cage.

On-going Projects

Malcolm advised that the roof and gutter need to be cleaned out and repaired.

Malcolm will contact the new person in charge of the church to try to organise a regular church parade each term. Jane mentioned that Coddington is getting a new Lady Vicar. New vicar expected in place in February.

Gates to be organised for the rear of the building to make it secure for young people camping – Wooden not metal – Low priority at the moment.

Amanda to be informed when booking camp equipment in and out to avoid clashes with hall hirers.

Malcolm asked if we could sell the Table Tennis Table and snooker table as they were taking up room and do not get used. Not objections from the committee. To be advertised – Discussed again, still now objections

The hall needs to be swept at the end of each meeting to leave the hall clean for the next user. In process

The garden is looking good, Philip and Janet Waller are maintaining the front garden.

We need a Quarter Master to help with the Equipment after a camp.

We need a Secretary to help with the minutes of the meetings.

Some local companies were discussed as being generous with donations if we approach them. Needs further work.

Any Other Business

Malcolm to organise the Circus Skills activity for the New Year.

We need to focus a little more on Leader Training.

Most of the members are on Standing Order, there are only a few who are still paying weekly. Amanda will contact them and move them to Standing Order if possible.

Malcolm said that he was hearing about most activities, he reminded leaders to copy him on anything sent to the DC's

There is an effective use of OSM with all sections using it for badge management.

Capitation is coming around again; all sections have enough funds to cover at this time.

The Beavers waiting list is currently full until summer 2019, Cubs and Scouts are pretty much closed due to high numbers.

The Village Hall has now got planning permission for the proposed changes. This will affect the wall between us as it will need to be replaced. There will be a gate installed.

Malcolm said that if any section needed equipment the group would purchase if it was for the benefit of all. If it is just the section, then it would be purchased from section funds.

A comment was made that the flag is being unfurled by other users. While this is annoying there is not a lot we can do about it.